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The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States general imports, unadjusted for seasonal change, from $1,294.9 million in December 1961[1] to $1,372.6 million in January 1962[2,3] reflected increases in imports from all areas except Canada. Changes in the dollar values of imports from all areas from December to January are as follows: Latin American Republics, from $296.8 to $323.3 million; Western Europe, from $372.2 to $372.4 million; Canada, from $278.8 to $275.3 million, and "all other countries," from $347.2 to $401.6 million.

The Bureau also pointed out that from December to January, imports from sterling area countries rose from $213.1 to $250.8 million. Imports from O.E.C.D. countries in Europe, valued at $363.7 million during January were at approximately the same level as the December total of $363.3 million.

Imports from North American rose from $392.3 million in December 1961 to $425.2 million in January 1962 owing chiefly to higher levels of imports from the Netherlands Antilles, from $23.7 to $35.1 million; Mexico, from $49.7 to $60.7 million and the Dominican Republic, from $4.3 to $12.5 million. The increase in imports from Africa, from $40.5 to $64.1 million was due primarily to increases in imports from the Republic of South Africa, from $16.5 to $27.9 million and Ghana, from $1.1 to $7.3 million. Imports from Australia and Oceania climbed from $22.6 to $32.4 million reflecting increases in imports from Australia, from $16.9 to $22.8 million and New Zealand, from $5.4 to $9.1 million. The increase in imports from Asia from $236.6 to $243.8 million was chiefly the result of increases in imports from Japan, from $94.0 to $107.5 million and Hong Kong, from $13.4 to $17.3 million. These increases were partly offset, however, by decreases in imports from the Republic of the Philippines, from $25.6 to $20.7 million and from the Republic of Indonesia, from $17.2 to $13.0 million.

Although the increase in imports from South America was small, from $223.9 to $226.9 million, some counterbalancing changes were reported in imports from individual countries of this continent as follows: Chile, from $16.8 to $24.8 million; Venezuela, from $88.3 to $92.9 million; Peru, from $20.7 to $15.2 million; and Colombia, from $21.2 to $17.9 million. Imports from Europe increased slightly from $377.5 to $379.9 million.

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[1]Revised. See footnote 3 on page 4 of this report.

[2]Effective January 1962, certain modifications were instituted in the compilation of the import data. See footnote 2 on page 4 of this report.

[3]On a seasonally-adjusted basis, total general imports were valued at $1,320.1 million in January as compared to $1,296.5 million in December 1961. (See the January 1962 issue of Report No. FT 900-I). Seasonally-adjusted data are not available by country of origin.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty-free) which is entered through United States Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from in-transit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

COUNTRY DEFINITION: Though the country which should be reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined or manufactured, the country actually shown in the statistics may in a number of cases represent some other country, such as the country of purchase, lading or the country in which mixed lots of various origin are consolidated. It follows, therefore, that imports from such merchanting or transshipment countries are likely to be overstated and imports from other countries correspondingly understated.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. They exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: The statistics presented in this report are based partly on sample data (i.e. formal entries valued under $100 and all informal entries valued under $250), and therefore are subject to sampling variation that may cause them to differ somewhat from the results which would have been obtained from processing all import entries. The probable variability due to sampling is either less than $50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or less than 1 percent of the individual totals shown.

In addition to the effects of sampling variation, and the difficulties described above under COUNTRY DEFINITION, monthly import statistics are subject to some error from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account, particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Reports No. FT 110 and FT 120. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: JANUARY 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(In millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Data revised to reflect all corrections published with the statistics through those for December 1961. The 1961 figures have been further revised as indicated in footnote 3 on page 4 of this report. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts.)

Continent and country[1]	January 1962[2]	December 1961[3]	January 1961[3]	Monthly average 1961[3]
Total trade	1,372.6	1,294.9	1,149.7	1,227.1
Western Europe	372.4	372.2	307.0	338.9
Canada	275.3	278.8	225.3	272.6
Latin American Republics	323.3	296.8	297.4	267.9
All other countries	401.6	347.2	320.1	347.7
O.E.C.D. countries in Europe	363.7	363.3	298.8	331.7
Sterling area countries	250.8	213.1	184.3	215.0
North America	425.2	392.3	338.6	386.6
Greenland	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador)	275.3	278.8	225.3	272.6
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mexico [a]	60.7	49.7	41.7	44.9
Guatemala [a]	7.6	8.1	7.9	5.3
British Honduras [b]	0.2	(*)	0.1	0.2
El Salvador [a]	4.1	3.9	2.1	3.0
Honduras [a]	3.0	1.9	1.6	2.7
Nicaragua [a]	2.6	1.4	3.5	2.1
Costa Rica [a]	3.2	3.6	3.0	3.3
Republic of Panama [a]	1.6	1.8	1.5	1.9
Canal Zone	0.4	(*)	0.6	0.3
Bermuda [b]	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Bahamas [b]	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.9
Cuba [a]	3.7	2.5	3.6	2.9
Jamaica [b]	5.7	5.0	3.5	6.1
Haiti [a]	1.7	1.8	1.1	1.6
Dominican Republic [a]	12.5	4.3	8.9	7.5
Leeward and Windward Islands [b]	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1
Barbados [b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Trinidad and Tobago [b]	5.9	4.6	4.9	7.3
Netherlands Antilles	35.1	23.7	27.9	22.9
French West Indies	0.2	(*)	0.1	0.7
South America	226.9	223.9	225.5	196.7
Colombia [a]	17.9	21.2	32.4	23.0
Venezuela [a]	92.9	88.3	91.8	74.9
British Guiana [b]	2.0	1.6	0.9	1.6
Surinam	2.4	4.4	2.1	2.5
French Guiana	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Ecuador [a]	4.6	5.5	5.3	4.5
Peru [a]	15.2	20.7	20.4	16.2
Bolivia [a]	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
Chile [a]	24.8	16.8	21.7	15.4
Brazil [a]	54.6	56.9	38.2	46.8
Paraguay [a]	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.7
Uruguay [a]	3.5	1.1	1.8	1.9
Argentina [a]	7.1	5.8	9.2	8.5
Falkland Islands [b]	...	...	...	...
Europe	379.9	377.5	314.1	345.8
Iceland [b,c,d]	0.8	1.0	1.5	1.0
Sweden [c,d]	15.9	14.3	12.1	11.7
Norway [c,d]	7.3	9.7	6.2	6.3
Denmark [c,d]	12.1	12.5	11.7	9.1

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: JANUARY 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Continent and country[1]	January 1962	December 1961	January 1961	Monthly average 1961
Europe—Continued				
United Kingdom [b,c,d]	81.9	83.2	60.6	75.1
Ireland (Eire) [b,c,d]	3.7	2.3	2.2	2.6
Netherlands [c,d]	14.3	14.7	18.8	17.3
Belgium and Luxembourg [c,d]	34.7	31.7	17.3	29.3
France [c,d]	42.4	39.4	24.4	36.3
West Germany [c,d]	67.6	70.6	69.3	71.3
East Germany	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.2
Austria [c,d]	3.5	3.9	2.7	3.8
Czechoslovakia	0.9	0.6	0.9	0.8
Hungary	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Switzerland [c,d]	13.5	15.9	11.9	15.9
Finland [c]	4.6	5.3	3.9	3.8
Estonia	...	...	...	(*)
Latvia	...	...	...	(*)
Lithuania	...	...	(*)	(*)
Poland and Danzig	4.5	3.3	4.1	3.4
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.9
Azores	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1
Spain [c,d]	7.4	8.5	6.4	7.0
Portugal [c,d]	4.0	3.8	3.2	3.5
Gibraltar [b]	(*)	...	(*)	(*)
Malta and Gozo [4,b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Italy [c,d]	32.4	33.2	29.1	31.3
Free Territory of Trieste [c,d]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Yugoslavia [c]	4.1	3.6	4.3	3.4
Albania	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Greece [c,d]	4.9	5.0	6.5	3.9
Rumania	(*)	(*)	0.3	0.1
Bulgaria	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1
Turkey [c,d]	17.3	13.5	15.0	6.2
Cyprus [4,b]	(*)	...	...	...
Asia	243.8	236.6	196.9	215.2
Syrian Arab Republic [5]	1.5	0.3	0.3	0.4
Lebanon	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.4
Iraq (Mesopotamia)	1.1	2.0	1.3	2.5
Iran (Persia)	3.3	4.4	4.2	5.1
Israel	4.2	1.9	3.5	2.7
Palestine	...	...	...	(*)
Jordan [b]	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
Kuwait [b]	8.0	5.6	8.5	9.1
Saudi Arabia	6.7	3.8	7.1	4.6
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c	1.3	4.7	0.2	2.1
Aden [b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
State of Bahrein [b]	(*)	...	...	0.1
Afghanistan	0.3	1.5	0.3	1.0
India [b]	21.0	24.8	19.9	21.0
Pakistan [b]	4.4	3.7	4.3	3.1
Nepal	...	...	...	(*)
Ceylon [b]	2.7	2.4	1.8	2.6
Burma [b]	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Thailand (Siam)	4.5	3.2	4.5	3.1
Viet-Nam	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.4
Laos	...	...	...	(*)
Cambodia	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.2
Federation of Malaya [b]	16.0	16.9	7.8	12.4
State of Singapore; British Borneo [b]	3.4	1.6	1.2	1.2
Republic of Indonesia	13.0	17.2	12.4	13.6
Republic of the Philippines	20.7	25.6	20.9	26.4
Macao (Macau)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c	(*)	0.2	0.1	0.1
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c	(*)	...	...	(*)
China (including Manchuria)	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)
Outer Mongolia	0.8	(*)	0.5	0.3

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: JANUARY 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Continent and country[1]	January 1962	December 1961	January 1961	Monthly average 1961
Asia—Continued				
North Korea	...	...	...	(*)
Republic of Korea	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.6
Hong Kong[b]	17.3	13.4	9.8	10.2
Taiwan (Formosa)	3.5	6.7	1.9	3.6
Japan	107.5	94.0	84.4	87.9
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4
Australia and Oceania	32.4	22.6	18.5	26.7
Australia[b]	22.8	16.9	10.8	15.3
New Guinea[b]	0.2	0.1	(*)	0.1
New Zealand and Western Samoa[6,b]	9.1	5.4	7.4	10.8
British Western Pacific Islands[b]	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3
French Pacific Islands	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.2
Africa	64.1	40.5	56.2	55.8
Morocco	0.4	1.1	0.4	0.9
Algeria	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Tunisia	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.1
Libya[b]	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)
United Arab Republic (Egypt)	0.8	0.7	0.7	2.9
Sudan	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4
Canary Islands	0.1	(*)	...	(*)
Spanish Africa, n.e.c	...	...	0.2	(*)
Federal Republic of Cameroon[7]	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.5
Western Equatorial Africa, n.e.c	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Western Africa, n.e.c	5.3	2.6	5.5	3.0
Ghana	7.3	1.1	7.9	6.2
Federation of Nigeria[8,b]	1.8	1.7	2.2	4.1
British West Africa, and Sierra Leone[9,b]	3.2	(*)	1.0	0.4
Madeira Islands	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Angola	3.3	2.6	2.0	2.3
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c	0.1	(*)	0.3	0.2
Liberia	3.3	2.5	3.2	2.7
Republic of the Congo	3.1	4.2	3.1	4.7
Somali Republic	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)
Ethiopia (Abyssinia)	1.4	0.7	1.5	2.6
French Somaliland	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Seychelles and Dependencies[b]	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies[b]	0.1	0.5	...	0.1
British East Africa and Tanganyika[10,b]	3.0	2.6	7.1	4.4
Mozambique	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.4
Malagasy Republic	0.5	1.6	0.6	1.1
Republic of South Africa[11,b]	27.9	16.5	18.5	17.4
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland[b]	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.9
Unidentified Continents[12]	0.4	1.6	...	0.3
Unidentified Countries[12]	0.4	1.6	...	0.3

[a]Latin American Republics. [b]Sterling area countries. [c]Western Europe. [d]O.E.C.D. (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries in Europe. *Indicates less than $50,000. [1]For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics. [2]Effective January 1962, certain modifications were instituted in the compilation of the import data. The plans for these modifications were discussed in Report No. FT 110, United States Imports of Merchandise for Consumption, Commodity by Country of Origin, for October 1961; further details on the change in procedure will appear in the January 1962 issue. On the basis of analyses to date it is believed that these modifications have not significantly affected the data in this report, except perhaps in the case of countries with a relatively small volume of trade. [3]The 1961 area, continent, and country figures have been revised to reflect the addition of data on imports of uranium ore and concentrates. See the calendar year 1961 or January 1962 issue of Report No. FT 110 for additional information. [4]"Malta and Gozo" and "Cyprus" shown separately beginning January 1962. For periods prior to January 1962, data on imports to Cyprus are included in the figures shown for "Malta and Gozo." [5]Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly United Arab Republic (Syria Region). [6]Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly New Zealand. [7]Country designation established effective January 1962; consists of former Cameroun combined with Southern Cameroons. Data shown for prior periods represent exports to Cameroun only. [8]Country designation established effective January 1962; consists of former Nigeria combined with former Northern Cameroons. The data shown for prior periods represent exports to Nigeria including the former Cameroons (Northern and Southern). [9]Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly British West Africa, n.e.c. [10]Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly British East Africa. [11]Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly Union of South Africa. [12]Countries which could not be identified because of illegible reporting on import entries for low-value shipments.

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